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First report of the General Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 20 September 1995, the General Committee considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the organization of the fiftieth regular session and future sessions of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/50/1 and Add.1). A summary of the discussion will appear in the summary records of the meetings (A/BUR/50/SR.1 and 2).

2. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General in paragraph 3 of his memorandum (A/BUR/50/1), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII of its rules of procedure.

3. The General Committee took note of General Assembly resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", and to annex I thereto, entitled "Guidelines on the rationalization of the agenda of the General Assembly". The provisions of the resolution and the Guidelines are reflected in the present document under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

4. The General Committee took note of the General Assembly decisions relevant to its work that were brought to the Committee's attention by the Secretary-General in paragraph 5 of his memorandum (A/BUR/50/1).

B. Rationalization of work

5. The General Committee took note (ibid., paras. 6 and 7) of the measures undertaken by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ as reflected in his progress reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234, A/43/286, A/44/222) as well as a supplementary report submitted to the forty-fifth session of the Assembly (A/45/226). The Committee also took note of Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat, resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994 and annex I thereto on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

6. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 8), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII), which reads as follows:

> "5. The General Committee should consider, at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, recommending that certain Main Committees should meet in sequential order, taking into account such matters as the number of meetings required for the consideration of the questions with which they are charged at that session, the organization of the work of the whole session and the problem of participation of small delegations."

7. The General Committee took note of the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

C. Observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

8. The General Committee took note of General Assembly resolution 48/215 B of 26 May 1994 on the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, in particular to paragraph 1, which reads as follows:

> "1. Decides to convene a special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 24 October 1995".

9. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 11), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the annex of its resolution 49/12 B of 24 May 1995, whereby the Assembly adopted a procedure for organizing the order of speakers during the Special Commemorative Meeting. Paragraphs 5 (a) to (d), 6 and 7 of the annex read as follows:

> "5. ...
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> "(a) Heads of State will thus be accorded first priority, followed by vice-presidents, crown princes/princesses, heads of Government, the highest ranking official of the Holy See and Switzerland, as observer States, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, ministers, permanent representatives and other observers;
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> "(b) In the event that the level at which a statement is to be made is subsequently changed, the speaker will be moved to the next available speaking slot, in the appropriate category at the same meeting;
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> "(c) Participants may arrange to exchange their speaking slots in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;
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> "(d) Speakers who are not present when their speaking turn comes will be automatically moved to the next available speaking slot within their category.

"6. In order to accommodate all speakers at the Special Commemorative Meeting, statements should be limited to five minutes, on the understanding that this will not preclude the circulation of more extensive texts.

"7. The full text of all speeches provided to the Special Commemorative Meeting will be subsequently published in a bound book."

Owing to the large number of participants addressing the Meeting, the General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to the absolute necessity of punctuality for the orderly conduct of the meetings.

10. Bearing in mind the solemn nature of the Special Commemorative Meeting and the serious time and technical service constraints, it may not be possible to accommodate statements in exercise of the right of reply in the usual manner. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 12), the General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly that, during the Special Commemorative Meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply, if any, may be made only in written form to be circulated as documents.

D. Closing date of the session

11. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the fiftieth session should recess not later than Tuesday, 19 December 1995, and close on Monday, 16 September 1996. The Committee also recommends to the Assembly that all the Main Committees should start their work as soon as possible and make every effort to complete their work by Friday, 1 December 1995.

E. Schedule of meetings

12. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 14), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the fiftieth session. The Committee also recommends to the Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, every effort should be made to ensure that plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees adjourn by 6 p.m., and that, with the exception of the Special Commemorative Meeting, no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that this cost-saving measure should also apply, for the remainder of 1995, to meetings on the calendar of conferences and meetings.

13. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 15), the General Committee recommends that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation is made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the

requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

14. In this connection, the General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

F. General debate

15. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., paras. 17 and 18), the General Committee recommends that:

(a) The general debate should begin on Monday, 25 September and end on Thursday, 12 October 1995;

(b) The list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 27 September, at 6 p.m.

16. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 19), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered was prohibited. In this connection, the Committee recommends to the Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through room GA-200 located behind the podium before returning to their seats.

G. Explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and length of statements

17. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 20), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

> "6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.
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> "7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.
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> "8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

18. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 21), the General Committee, in line with time-limits for explanations of vote and right

of reply, recommends to the General Assembly that points of order should be limited to five minutes.

19. Furthermore, in connection with the length of statements, with a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as a cost-saving measure, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

H. Records of meetings

20. As at past sessions (ibid., para. 23), verbatim records will continue to be provided, during the fiftieth session, for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and meetings of the First Committee and summary records will be provided to the General Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee recommends that the General Assembly should maintain for the fiftieth session the practice whereby the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. These transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee draws the Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

> "8. Decides that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;
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> "9. Decides further that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents".

In this connection, the General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fiftieth session.

I. Concluding statements

21. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 25), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

J. Resolutions

22. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 26), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

"32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

23. Furthermore, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 27), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

24. In this connection, the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

"5. Encourages Member States to exercise restraint in making proposals requesting new reports of the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the desirability of reducing the number of such reports".

The General Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII).

K. Documentation

25. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 30), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

26. The General Committee also draws to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

> "6. Emphasizes that reports requested of the Secretary-General should be made available in all official languages in a timely manner in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the annexes thereto with a view to enabling delegations to consider the substance of such reports more thoroughly in advance of meetings".

27. The General Committee took note of the fact that, despite the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, the volume of pre-session documentation has consistently increased in recent years, without any strengthening of resources, thus contributing to serious delays in the issuance of documentation (ibid., para. 32).

L. Questions related to the programme budget

28. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., paras. 33 and 34), who referred to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 12 and 13 of its decision 34/401, which read as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.
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> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
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> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

The General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

"6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

29. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 33), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

"Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

30. In connection with subparagraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 quoted above, the General Committee wishes to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the observations of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, paras. 35 and 36), regarding the fact that, depending on the type and complexity of proposals involving changes in the work programme and additional expenditures, the preparation of a statement of programme budget implications by the Secretary-General may take a few days. In addition, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before the latter can be acted on by the Assembly. The Secretary-General thus considers it desirable that Member States submit proposals involving statements of programme budget implications sufficiently in advance to avoid the cancellation of meetings and the postponement of consideration of items.

M. Observances and commemorative meetings

31. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 37), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, allowing for the necessary flexibility and with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the Assembly should adopt the following format for commemorative meetings: statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, statements by the chairmen of the five regional groups and by the representative of the host country. The Committee also recommends that consideration be given to limiting each statement to 15 minutes.

32. The General Committee further recommends, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 38), that observances and commemorative meetings should take place, as far as possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the work of the General Assembly.

N. Special conferences

33. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 39), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

> "(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee also draws the Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

34. Furthermore, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 40), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts which reads as follows:

> "The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

O. Meetings of subsidiary organs

35. The General Committee, in the light of recommendations submitted by the Committee on Conferences (A/50/404) and of General Assembly resolution 49/252 of 14 September 1995, recommends to the General Assembly, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the fiftieth session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(c) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(d) Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System;

(e) Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations;

(f) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

III. OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSALS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

36. The General Committee took note of the views of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, paras. 42 and 43). The agenda of the General Assembly reflects the concern of Member States with a myriad of issues spanning political, economic, social and financial fields. The growing complexity of many global issues and their increasingly interdisciplinary nature pose a challenge to the Organization's ability to respond swiftly. The Assembly is faced with many items that require timely and purposeful consideration, often under stringent deadlines. It is therefore imperative that it continue to improve its operating procedures so as to organize its work effectively and make optimum use of the time available.

37. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 44), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it consider whether the rationalization of its meetings between January and August is possible to allow advance planning for delegations and the Secretariat. During the past few years, the Assembly met frequently between January and August. Most recently, during the forty-ninth session, it has met every month from January to September, with the exception of August. These meetings were not envisaged in the calendar of meetings and therefore ad hoc arrangements had to be made to continue to provide adequate Secretariat services at the expense of other requirements.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

38. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the fiftieth session submitted by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/50/1 and Add.1). All the items contained in the draft agenda formed part of the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the fiftieth session (A/50/150);

(b) Supplementary list (A/50/200);

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item (A/50/231 and Add.1).

39. The General Committee took note of paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

"4. There shall be periodic reviews of the agenda, taking into account the views of concerned Member States, in order to ascertain whether it is possible to delete any item on which no resolution or decision has been adopted for a period of time.

"5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:

"(a) Agenda items concerning issues of closely related substance could be merged within a single agenda title or be incorporated as sub-items where this is possible without loss of focus on the items/sub-items concerned;

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"(c) Biennialization and triennialization of items on the agenda of the Main Committees could be considered in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly".

In addition, bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee took note of the suggestion by the Secretary-General to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the main part of the present session.

40. With regard to item 20 (c) of the draft agenda (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction), the General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should consider the question of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction as a separate sub-item under item 98 (Environment and sustainable development).

41. With regard to item 93 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee decided to recommend that the consideration of the item should be deferred to the fifty-first session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

42. In connection with item 94 of the draft agenda (Question of East Timor), the General Committee decided to recommend that the consideration of the item should be deferred to the fifty-first session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

43. In connection with item 157 and item 167 of the draft agenda, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of an item entitled "Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development".

44. With regard to item 158 of the draft agenda (Consideration of the exceptional situation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the international context, based on the principle of universality and in accordance with the established model of parallel representation of divided countries at the United Nations), the General Committee decided not to recommend its inclusion.

45. Taking into account paragraphs 38 to 44 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda: 2/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/50/150);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/50/200);

(A.): additional item (A/50/231 and Add.1).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

    (a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

    (b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

    (c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

    (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

    (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

    (f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (P.20): 3/

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

    (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

    (d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

21. University for Peace (P.21).

22. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.22).

23. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.23).

24. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.25).

26. The situation in Burundi (P.26).

27. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.27).

28. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.28).

29. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations (P.29).

30. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (P.30).

31. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.31).

32. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.32).

3/ See para. 40.

33. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters (P.33).

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44. The situation in the Middle East (P.44).

45. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.45).

46. Assistance in mine clearance (P.46).

47. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (P.47).

48. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.48).

49. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (P.49).

50. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.50).

51. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system

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52. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.52).

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55. Question of Cyprus (P.55).

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57. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations (P.57).

58. Education and information for disarmament (P.58).

59. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (P.59).

60. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.60).

61. Reduction of military budgets (P.61).

62. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (P.62).

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64. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (P.64).

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(c) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(d) Review of the Declaration of the 1990s as the Third Disarmament Decade;

(e) Transparency in armaments;

(f) Step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat;

(g) Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(l) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects.

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(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

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(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

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(a) Trade and development;

(b) Human settlements;

(c) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

(d) Science and technology for development;

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

(f) Women in development;

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96. Environment and sustainable development (P.98):

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97. Operational activities for development (P.99):

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128. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (P.130).

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149. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (P.152).

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161. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (S.1).

162. Universal congress on the Panama Canal (S.2).

163. Strengthening of the United Nations system (resolution 49/252 of 14 September 1995).

164. Normalization of the situation concerning South Africa (A.1).

V. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

46. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/50/1, para. 50), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 3 of annex I of resolution 48/264 and to the relevant paragraphs of resolutions

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5/ See para. 43.

39/88 B and 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

> "5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

> "6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

In this connection, the General Committee also draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I of resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

> "2. Agenda items which are of a nature that relates to more than one Main Committee or which do not come within the purview of any Main Committee should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, taking into account the recommendations of the General Committee.
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> "...
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> "5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:
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> "(b) Items that cover related matters or issues could be considered in agreed clusters;
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> "(d) The existing broad division of work among the Main Committees should be maintained."

47. Taking into account the recommendations in section IV above regarding the inclusion of items in the agenda, the General Committee approved the allocation of items contained in paragraph 62 of the Secretary-General's memorandum (A/BUR/50/1 and Add.1) with the following modifications:

(a) Plenary meetings

(i) Item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/50/23) relating to specific Territories so that the

Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

(ii) Item 48 (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas))

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

(iii) Item 55 (Question of Cyprus)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly allocate the item at an appropriate time during the session.

(iv) Item 150 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(v) Item 151 (Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(vi) Item 152 (Review of the role of the Trusteeship Council)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the introduction and initial discussion of the item would be held directly in plenary meeting and its subsequent consideration would be held in the Sixth Committee.

(vii) Item 153 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(viii) Item 154 (Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(ix) Item 155 (Observer status for the Central American Integration System in the General Assembly)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(x) Item 156 (Multilingualism)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xi) Item 157 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xii) Item 161 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xiii) Item 162 (Universal congress on the Panama Canal)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xiv) Item 163 (Strengthening of the United Nations system)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xv) Item 164 (Normalization of the situation concerning South Africa)

The General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of the item pending the outcome of negotiations.

(b) First Committee

Item 70 (General and complete disarmament)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/50/360), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 70.

(c) Second Committee

Item 96 (c) (Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item should be considered directly in plenary meeting in conjunction with item 39 (Law of the sea).

(d) Third Committee

(i) Item 105 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in the light of resolution 49/152 of 23 December 1994, the plenary meetings to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year should be held on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 1995.

(ii) Item 107 (Advancement of women)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 97 (Operational activities for development).

(iii) Item 112 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in the light of resolution 49/213 of 23 December 1994, a special commemorative plenary meeting to mark the end of the United Nations Year for Tolerance should be held at a date to be fixed.

(e) Fifth Committee

Item 118 (Joint Inspection Unit)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

48. Taking into account paragraphs 46 and 47 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following allocation of items: 6/

6/ The numbering in parentheses used in the allocation of items (D.) follows the draft agenda in section IV (para. 45).

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire (D.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (D.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly (D.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (D.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (D.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (D.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (D.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (D.8).

9. General debate (D.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (D.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (D.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, V (section A), VI (section N), XIII and XIV] (D.12). 7/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (D.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (D.14). 8/

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (D.15):

7/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I and XIV	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter II	Second Committee

8/ See para. 47 (b).

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (D.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

(c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (D.17): 9/

(f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (D.18). 10/

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (D.19).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (D.20):

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

(d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

21. University for Peace (D.21).

22. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (D.22).

9/ For sub-items (a) to (e), see Fifth Committee, item 32.

10/ See para. 47 (a) (i).

23. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (D.23).

24. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (D.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (D.25).

26. The situation in Burundi (D.26).

27. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (D.27).

28. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (D.28).

29. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations (D.29). 11/

30. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (D.30).

31. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (D.31).

32. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (D.32).

33. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters (D.33).

34. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (D.34).

35. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (D.35).

36. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War (D.36).

37. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (D.37).

38. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (D.38).

39. Law of the sea (D.39). 12/

40. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal (D.40).

11/ See paras. 8-10.

12/ See para. 47 (c).

41. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies (D.41).

42. Question of Palestine (D.42).

43. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (D.43).

44. The situation in the Middle East (D.44).

45. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (D.45).

46. Assistance in mine clearance (D.46).

47. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (D.47).

48. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (D.48). 13/

49. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (D.49).

50. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (D.50).

51. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (D.51).

52. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (D.52).

53. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (D.53).

54. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (D.54).

55. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (D.56).

56. Environment and sustainable development (D.96): 14/

13/ See para. 47 (a) (ii).

14/ See para. 47 (c).

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas.

57. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (D.150). 15/

58. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (D.151). 16/

59. Review of the role of the Trusteeship Council (D.152). 17/

60. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (D.153). 18/

61. Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development (D.154). 19/

62. Observer status for the Central American Integration System in the General Assembly (D.155). 20/

63. Multilingualism (D.156). 21/

64. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (D.157). 22/

65. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (D.161). 23/

15/ See para. 47 (a) (iv).

16/ See para. 47 (a) (v).

17/ See para. 47 (a) (vi).

18/ See para. 47 (a) (vii).

19/ See para. 47 (a) (viii).

20/ See para. 47 (a) (ix).

21/ See para. 47 (a) (x).

22/ See para. 47 (a) (xi).

23/ See para. 47 (a) (xii).

66. Universal congress on the Panama Canal (D.162). 24/

67. Strengthening of the United Nations system (D.163). 25/

24/ See para. 47 (a) (xiii).

25/ See para. 47 (a) (xiv).

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1. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations (D.57).

2. Education and information for disarmament (D.58).

3. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (D.59).

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8. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (D.64).

9. Comprehensive test-ban treaty (D.65).

10. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (D.66).

11. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (D.67).

12. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (D.68).

13. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (D.69).

14. General and complete disarmament (D.70): 26/

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

    (c) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

    (d) Review of the Declaration of the 1990s as the Third Disarmament Decade;

    (e) Transparency in armaments;

26/ See para. 47 (b).

(f) Step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat;

(g) Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(l) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects.

15. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (D.71):

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

16. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (D.72):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(e) Disarmament Week.

17. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (D.73).

18. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (D.74).

19. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (D.75).

20. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (D.76).

21. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (D.77).

22. Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone (D.78).

23. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (D.79).

24. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (D.80).

25. Maintenance of international security (D.81).

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1. Effects of atomic radiation (D.82).

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3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (D.84).

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5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (D.86).

6. Questions relating to information (D.87).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (D.88).

8. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination (D.89).

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (D.90).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter V (section C)] (D.12).

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (D.91).

12. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia (D.92).

13. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (D.93).

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (D.18). 27/

15. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (D.48). 28/

27/ See para. 47 (a) (i).

28/ See para. 47 (a) (ii).

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I to IV, VI (sections A to M, O and P), VII to XI and XIV] (D.12). 29/

2. Macroeconomic policy questions (D.94):

   (a) Financing of development;

   (b) Long-term trends in social and economic development;

   (c) External debt crisis and development.

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (D.95):

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) Human settlements;

   (c) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

   (d) Science and technology for development;

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

   (f) Women in development;

   (g) Human resources development;

   (h) Business and development;

   (i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries;

   (j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation.

29/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I and XIV	Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter II	Plenary meetings
(c)	Chapter III	Third Committee
(d)	Chapter IX	Third and Fifth Committees

4. Environment and sustainable development (D.96): 30/

   (a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

   (b) Desertification and drought;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

5. Operational activities for development (D.97): 31/

   (a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

6. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (D.98).

7. Agenda for development (D.99).

8. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (D.100).

9. International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development (D.101).

10. Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (D.102).

30/ See para. 47 (c).

31/ See para. 47 (d) (ii).

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III, V (sections B, D to I), IX and XIV] (D.12). 32/

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (D.103).

3. Right of peoples to self-determination (D.104).

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (D.105). 33/

5. Crime prevention and criminal justice (D.106).

6. Advancement of women (D.107). 34/

7. International drug control (D.108).

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (D.109).

9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (D.110).

10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (D.111).

11. Human rights questions (D.112):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; 35/

32/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I and XIV	Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter III	Second Committee
(c)	Chapter IX	Second and Fifth Committees

33/ See para. 47 (d) (i).

34/ See para. 47 (d) (ii).

35/ See para. 47 (d) (iii).

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (D.113):

   (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (D.114).

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (D.115).

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (D.116).

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (D.117).

6. Joint Inspection Unit (D.118). 36/

7. Pattern of conferences (D.119).

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (D.120).

9. United Nations common system (D.121).

10. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (D.122):

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

11. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (D.123).

12. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (D.124):

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

13. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (D.125).

14. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (D.126).

36/ See para. 47 (e).

15. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (D.127).

16. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (D.128).

17. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (D.129).

18. Financing of the liquidation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (D.130).

19. Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (D.131).

20. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (D.132).

21. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (D.133).

22. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (D.134).

23. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (D.135).

24. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (D.136).

25. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (D.137).

26. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (D.138):

    (a) Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations;

    (b) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232.

27. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (D.149).

28. Programme planning (D.158).

29. Human resources management (D.159).

30. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (D.160).

31. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, IX, XII and XIV] (D.12). 37/

32. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (D.17): 38/

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

37/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Third Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapters I and XIV ..... Plenary meetings and Second and Third Committees

(b) Chapter IX ..... Second and Third Committees

38/ For sub-item (f) see "Plenary meetings", item 17.

Sixth Committee

1. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (D.139).

2. United Nations Decade of International Law (D.140).

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4. Establishment of an international criminal court (D.142).

5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-eighth session (D.143).

6. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (D.144).

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (D.145).

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10. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (D.148).

11. Review of the role of the Trusteeship Council (D.152). 39/

39/ See para. 47 (a) (vi).

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Second report of the General Committee

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 20 October 1995, the General Committee considered a request submitted by the Philippines (A/50/232) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

"Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Should be included in the agenda;

(b) Should be considered directly in plenary meeting for the purpose of endorsing the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action; the item should also be allocated to the Second and Third Committees as appropriate for its substantive consideration.

2. At the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela (A/50/233) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional sub-item under item 112 (Human rights questions) entitled:

"Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights".

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In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Should be included as a sub-item of agenda item 112;

(b) Should be allocated to the Third Committee.